

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 10-21, without prejudice, and please amend Claims 1-9 as provided in the following Listing of Claims:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for ~~providing healthcare information~~, comprising:

a processor, wherein ~~said the~~ the processor processes a request to at least one of access, obtain, change, alter, and modify, information contained in ~~a patient's at least one of~~ a healthcare record and or a healthcare file associated with a patient, wherein ~~said the~~ the processor determines whether a requesting ~~at least one of~~ individual and or entity is authorized to at least one of access, obtain, change, alter, and modify, information contained in ~~a patient's at least one of~~ the healthcare record and or the healthcare file, wherein ~~said the~~ the processor facilitates ~~the an~~ an at least one of accessing, obtaining, changing, altering, and modifying, of the information contained in ~~said the at least one of~~ healthcare record and or the healthcare file, and further

wherein ~~said~~ the processor generates a notification report containing information regarding the at least one of accessing, obtaining, changing, altering, and modifying, of the information contained in ~~said at least one of the~~ healthcare record ~~and~~ or the healthcare file; and

a transmitter, wherein ~~said~~ the transmitter transmits the ~~said~~ notification report to a communication device associated with the patient, and further wherein the notification report is transmitted to the communication device in real-time on or over at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web or on or over a wireless communication network.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the requesting ~~at least one of individual and or~~ entity is at least one of a patient, a healthcare provider, a healthcare payer, an insurance provider, and a third party.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a receiver, wherein ~~said~~ the receiver receives ~~said~~ the request to at least one of access, obtain, change, alter,

and modify, information contained in ~~a patient's at least one~~
~~of the~~ healthcare record ~~and or the~~ healthcare file.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim
1, wherein ~~said the~~ the processor processes at least one of
identification information, a password, an electronic
signature, and a code, associated with the requesting ~~at least~~
~~one of~~ individual ~~and or~~ entity.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim
1, wherein ~~said the~~ the notification report contains information
regarding at least one of an accessing, obtaining, changing,
altering, modification, attempted accessing, attempted
obtaining, attempted changing, attempted altering, and
attempted modification, of the information contained in ~~said~~
~~the at least one of~~ healthcare record ~~and or the~~ healthcare
file.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim
5, wherein ~~said the~~ the processor stores information regarding
~~said the~~ the at least one of an accessing, obtaining, changing,
altering, modification, attempted accessing, attempted
obtaining, attempted changing, attempted altering, and
attempted modification, of the information contained in ~~said~~

~~the at least one of~~ healthcare record ~~and or the~~ healthcare file.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein ~~said the~~ processor generates an activity report containing information regarding ~~said the~~ at least one of an accessing, obtaining, changing, altering, modification, attempted accessing, attempted obtaining, attempted changing, attempted altering, and attempted modification, of the information contained in ~~said the at least one of~~ healthcare record ~~and or the~~ healthcare file, wherein the activity report is generated at least one of weekly, monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly, and annually.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein ~~said transmitter~~ the apparatus transmits ~~said the~~ activity report to ~~a the~~ communication device ~~associated with at least one of a patient, a healthcare provider, a healthcare payer, an insurance provider, and a third party.~~

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~for providing healthcare information,~~ comprising:

at least one of a receiver for receiving and a memory device for storing at least one of a restriction and a limitation regarding ~~at least one of~~ an ability of ~~at least one of an a first~~ individual's and or entity's ability to at least one of access, obtain, change, alter, and modify, information contained in ~~at least one of~~ a healthcare record and or a healthcare file, wherein the healthcare record or the healthcare file is associated with a second individual, and further wherein the at least one of a restriction and a limitation is transmitted to the receiver from a communication device associated with the second individual; and

a processor for processing a request ~~by at least one of an individual and an entity~~ to at least one of access, obtain, change, alter, and modify, information contained in ~~said at least one of a~~ the healthcare record and ~~a~~ or the healthcare file, wherein ~~said the~~ processor processes ~~said the~~ request ~~by the at least one of an individual and an entity in conjunction with said~~ utilizing the at least one of a restriction and a limitation regarding ~~at least one of an ability of at least one of an individual's and entity's ability to at least one of access, obtain, change, alter, and modify, information contained in at least one of a healthcare record and a healthcare file, and further wherein said the~~

processor determines whether ~~the~~ an at least one of accessing, obtaining, changing, altering, and modification, of the information contained in ~~said at least one of a~~ the healthcare record ~~and a~~ or the healthcare file is at least one of authorized, allowed, not authorized, not allowed, and restricted, ~~limited, unrestricted, and unlimited~~ based on the at least one of a restriction and a limitation.

Claims 10-21. (Canceled)